(c) The funds released to various Institutions, located in the State of Gujarat, under these schemes during the last three years are as under:

Year	(Rs. in lakh)
2000-01	632.35
2001-02	687.72
2002-03	566.09

Fee for new drug applications

2527. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started receiving fees for the new drug applications;

(b) if so, the total number of applications received alongwith the names of the companies and amounts received during the last three years and till date; and

(c) in what way Government propose to utilize this amount to strengthen the Central Drug Control Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. Consequent upon amendment of Drugs and Cosmetics Ruls *vide* Notification No. GSR 900 (E) dt. 12.12.2001 fee is being charged for different categories of new drug applications.

(b) Consequent to the issue of the above Notification about 1300 applications of different categories of new drugs have been received till date. About Rs. 3.3 crore has been deposited as fees.

(c) The amount collected as fees is deposited in the consolidated fund of Government of India.

AIDS affected blood banks in the country

2528. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Blood Banks had been directed to procure blood only after establishing it as free from AIDS virus in the light of fast spreading of AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, whether every Blood Bank is fully equipped to test AIDS virus in the blood procured; and

(c) if not, the steps Government would propose to take to see that a large number of patients are saved from AIDS, affected through HIV positive blood transfusion through blood procured from Blood Banks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules clearly direct that every unit of blood in a blood bank is tested for HIV infection and only HIV sero-negative blood is issued for purposes of blood transfusion and/or for any other uses. To ensure this, every blood bank is equipped with HIV test kits or then is further linked to a larger blood bank, where these facilities are available.

Funds under RCHP for Himachal Pradesh

2529. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for the purpose are being diverted for other purposes; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to check such diversion and misuse of funds?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Allocation of funds under Reproductive and Child Health Programme is made State-wise